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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE URBAN DISTRICT
COUNCIL OF WOOD GREEN.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit to you my Report on the Health of
Wood Green for the year 1895.

BUILDINGS.

At the end of the year the Rate Books show that there
were 5,507 completed houses in the district.

The number of New Buildings constructed, or in the course
of construction during the year was 132; 61 of which were com-
pleted, and 71 are still unfinished. The Board School and
Cottage Hospital in Bounds Green Road have also been
completed.

80 Plans have been before the Council, representing :—

123	<i>New Houses.</i>
36	<i>Alterations and Additions.</i>
14	<i>Outbuildings.</i>
5	<i>Temporary Buildings.</i>
6	<i>Public Buildings.</i>

POPULATION.

Deducting 6 per cent for empty houses from the total of 5,507 existing at the end of year, leaves 5177 occupied houses. Taking 5·65 persons to each house, and adding 290 for the Masonic School, gives a total population of 29,540 in December, 1895. The population in December, 1894, calculated in a similar manner, was 28,788.

The mean of these two numbers 29,164, I have taken as the population in June, 1895, and as the average population of the district for the purposes of the present report.

BIRTHS.

884 Births were registered during the year ; 435 of boys and 449 of girls, against 887 in 1894.

The birth rate is equal to 30·31 per thousand of the population, against 30·96 in 1894.

DEATHS.

374 deaths were registered in Wood Green during the year ; 4 deaths of inhabitants of Wood Green occurred in the Edmonton Union Infirmary, and 5 deaths were registered in the district of persons not belonging thereto, 3 from accident and 2 in the Cottage Hospital.

The available information as to the deaths occurring outside the district is incomplete, and I have therefore, not attempted any correction of the number 374, which corresponds to a death rate of 12·82 persons in every 1,000, against 331 deaths and a death rate of 11·55 in 1894.

131 deaths were of *children under one year*; being 148 deaths to every 1,000 births, or 4.49 deaths to every 1,000 persons living at all ages.

In 1894 the deaths were 112, or 133 to every 1000 births, or 3.90 per 1,000 of the general population. This excessive mortality in infants is due to infantile diarrhœa, and in a minor degree to the prevalence of measles, both of which diseases were exceptionally fatal.

186 deaths were in *children under 5 years*, or 6.38 per 1,000 of the general population, against 156 deaths and a death rate of 5.44 per 1,000 in 1894.

37 deaths were from *Tubercular Disease*, including 22 from *Phthisis*, against 41 in 1894.

70 deaths were from diseases of the *Respiratory System*, against 48 in 1894.

11 deaths were from *Violence or Accident*.

ZYMOTIC DISEASES.

The total number of deaths from the various forms of Zymotic or Specific Febrile Disease was 97, including 9 primarily attributed to Influenza, which corresponds to a death rate of 3.32 per 1000.

The deaths from the seven chief Zymotic Diseases of the Registrar-General (Small-pox, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Fever and Diarrhœa) were 88, equal to a rate of 3.01 per 1000, against 60 deaths and a death rate of 2.09 in 1894.

No Case of *Small Pox*, *Typhus* or *Relapsing Fever* occurred during the year.

Measles has been prevalent in the district during the year, showing a decided rise from July onward. Probably from four to five hundred cases occurred, with 13 deaths in children under 5 years of age.

In October it was noticed by the School Board officials that a large percentage of children were absent from the Noel Park Board School through Measles, especially from the Infant Department. I was consulted by the Clerk as to the policy of closing the school. As at that time there was already a marked decline in the number of fresh cases occurring in the neighbourhood, and as the disease was by no means confined to scholars of that particular school, I advised that the advantage to be expected from closing it was probably very slight.

72 cases of *Scarlet Fever* occurred with one death, against 129 cases with three deaths in 1894.

55 cases of *Diphtheria* and one of *Membranous Croup* occurred with 11 deaths, against 39 cases and 10 deaths in 1894.

The following is the age distribution of the cases :—

		Cases.	Deaths.
0 to 1	year	1	1
1	„ 5	14	6
5	„ 15	27	4
15	„ 25	6	0
25	„ 35	6	0
35	„ 45	2	0
		<hr/> 56	<hr/> 11

Eight deaths occurred from *Whooping Cough*, against 22 in 1894.

20 cases of *Typhoid Fever* occurred with 2 deaths, against 21 cases and 4 deaths in 1894. One of the fatal cases was of a woman from New Southgate, which occurred at the Cottage Hospital, one case was removed from Islington to Wood Green, one was of a lady who had returned from Belgium, and another was of a young man sent from Highgate to be nursed by his parents in Wood Green.

The following is the age distribution :—

	Cases.	Deaths.
1 to 5 years	1	0
5 „ 15 „	2	0
15 „ 25 „	6	0
25 „ 35 „	7	1
35 „ 45 „	2	0
45 „ 55 „	2	1
	<hr/> 20	<hr/> 2

52 fatal cases of *Diarrhœa* occurred, against 15 in 1894, and 28 in 1893.

One case of *Cholera* was notified in an adult which, on enquiry, was found to give rise to no suspicion of its being true or Asiatic Cholera. The man recovered completely in 48 hours. The cistern of the house, in River Park Road, was found to be in a very foul condition.

The hot dry weather of the past summer partly accounts for this excessive mortality, but the injudicious feeding of infants and want of care in the preparation and storage of food, especially of milk, is a very important predisposing cause. The simple measure of boiling all milk before use, would alone reduce the infantile *Diarrhœa*.

One case of *Puerperal Fever* was notified, which recovered, and 25 non-fatal cases of *Erysipelas*.

THE COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

The munificent gift of £2000 by Mr. Passmore Edwards, enabled a Committee to build and furnish the Passmore Edwards Cottage Hospital in the Bounds Green Road.

The hospital, which contains eight beds, was opened for the reception of patients in July. Up to the end of the year 42 patients were admitted. There were six deaths, including one of Typhoid Fever and one of Nephritis from New Southgate.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

A provisional agreement has been made with the Southgate District Council, to combine for the purpose of obtaining a site for an Isolation Hospital in Wolves Lane, this site being the same that we were prevented from obtaining in 1891 by the opposition of the then Southgate Local Board.

The situation is a convenient one, and it is to be hoped the matter will soon be brought to a successful conclusion. It will probably be found expedient on the grounds of efficiency and economy to include one or more of the neighbouring sanitary districts in the scheme.

The provision of an ambulance will, of course, be included in the scheme. The cases in which we are asked to effect the removal of infectious patients from one house to another, or to one of the London Hospitals, at present cause some inconvenience. We have to obtain the loan of an ambulance from some neighbouring district, and much valuable time is lost.

HOUSE TO HOUSE INSPECTION.

The following Roads have been inspected during the year:—

Station Road

Alexandra Terrace

Mayes Road

Watsons Road

Brabant Road

White Hart Lane

Nightingale Road

River Park Road and

Grove Place

380 houses were inspected, which with 30 re-inspected gives a total of 410 for the year, details of which are given in the report of the Sanitary Inspector. In addition to the house to house inspection, 1098 premises were inspected for other reasons.

33 houses have been closed as unfit for human habitation, the owners agreeing to close them without opposition. Two were in Commerce Road, 16 in Grove Place and 15 in River Park Road.

In November the Council directed the Surveyor and the Sanitary Inspector to obtain information from districts in which certificates as to the sanitary condition of houses are granted and to report on the subject. I only recur to the subject in the hope that the Council will entertain no illusion as to the value of such certificates and to emphasize the paramount importance of House to House inspection.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

The Report of the Sanitary Inspector which is appended, gives the details of the work of his department for the year.

It will be seen that the Dairies, Milkshops, Slaughter Houses, and Bakehouses in the district have been periodically inspected and have been found to give cause for no complaint.

Dust collection has been effected on an average once a week, and few complaints of delay or irregularity have been received.

The various laundries in the district are being inspected and thereby our control over the spread of infection is increased.

NEW ROADS AND SEWERS.

The South portion of Marlborough Road was made up and a new surface drain constructed by the owners, under the superintendence of the officers of the Council.

A new surface drain has been laid in Palace Gates Road, and a new sewer and surface drain in Glendale Road, at the cost of the private owners.

A new surface drain has been laid in the Bounds Green Road, from Park Road to Queens Road. New manholes have been built on the Sewers in the Main Road, Bounds Green Road, Selborne Road and Canning Crescent ; and seven manholes have been raised.

The Sewers in Canning Creseent and Selborne Road have been cleaned out, the defective portion of the former and the whole of the latter have been relaid.

Three upcast shafts have been erected in Selbourne, Marlborough and Sidney Roads.

The sewers have been periodically flushed and inspected, the Surveyor reports that "the large amount of labour, material and water expended on the sewers during the years 1891 to 1894, is now bearing fruit; some of the sewers, which in 1891 were almost silted up, are now quite free from deposit, while in the others the deposit which exists is comparatively small."

Notices of contravention of the Council's Bye-laws were served in two cases, legal proceedings taken, resulting in convictions.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C. H. CONOLLY.

February, 1896.

Table of POPULATION, BIRTHS, and of NEW CASES of INFECTIOUS SICKNESS, coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1895, in the Wood Green Urban Sanitary District; classified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities.

(a)	POPULATION AT ALL AGES.		Registered Births. (d)	Aged under 5 or over 5. (e)	NEW CASES COMING TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.											
	Census 1891 (b)	Estim- ated to middle of 1895. (c)			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Erysipelas
WOOD GREEN...	884.	Under 5... 5 Upwards	..	14	15	1	2
			25,831.		..	58	40	1	..	20	1	..	22

The Infectious Diseases Notification Act came into force in the District in March, 1890.

Table of Cases of Chief Zymotic Diseases arranged according to the Months in which they occurred.

	January ..	February ..	March ..	April ..	May ..	June ..	July ..	August ..	September ..	October ..	November ..	December ..		
Cases.	4	6	6	2	8	5	6	6	9	15	1	4	72	Scarlet Fever.
Deaths.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	
Cases.	3	1	1	..	..	..	2	4	2	3	2	2	20	Typhoid Fever.
Deaths.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	
Cases.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Diarrhoea.
Deaths.	..	..	..	..	..	1	22	15	9	3	1	..	52	
Cases.	5	2	..	4	1	3	5	4	3	14	7	8	56	Diphtheria and Membranous Croup.
Deaths.	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	2	2	4	11	
Cases.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	Puerperal Fever.
Deaths.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cases.	2	..	3	2	2	1	2	1	4	1	5	2	25	Erysipelas.
Deaths.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cases.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Whooping Cough.
Deaths.	..	2	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	8	
Cases.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Measles.
Deaths.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	8	2	13	

Table of the Chief Zymotic Diseases arranged according to the Localities in which they occurred:—

	Scarlet Fever.		Diphtheria		Typhoid Fever.		Diarrhoea.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
I. Noel Park.								
Bury Road.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Darwin Road ..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	3
Dovecote Avenue ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Farrant Avenue ..	2	..	4	1	..	..	..	1
Gladstone Avenue ..	1	..	5	1	..	..	..	4
Lymington Avenue ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Morley Avenue.. ..	4	..	2	..	2	..	..	1
Moselle Avenue ..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	3
Pelham Road ..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	2
Salisbury Road.. ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Vincent Road ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1
West Beach Road ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	14	1	18	5	3	..	..	18
II. East Wood Green.								
High Street .. ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Earlham Grove ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Canning Crescent ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fishmonger's Place..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hardy Terrace.. ..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..
King's Road .. ..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..
Pellatt Grove ..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Watsons Road ..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cranbrook Park ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Berner's Road ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gathorne Road ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
St. Albans Crescent	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Lordship Lane ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Acacia Road ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Boundary Road ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Wellesley Road ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Winkfield Road ..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	2
White Hart Lane ..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
	13	..	11	2	2	..	..	10
III. West Wood Green.								
Green Lanes .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Blenheim Road ..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Brampton Park Road ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Coleraine Terrace ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Market Terrace ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mayes Road	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Alexandra Road ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Brook Road	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Caxton Road.. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Hornsey Park Road ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Park Ridings ..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..
Middleton Road ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clarendon Road ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lawton Road ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Western Road ..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Station Road.. ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Barrett Avenue ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ringslade Road ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
River Park Road ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Warlborough Road..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Warberry Road ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Park Avenue.. ..	1	..	1	1	1	1	..	1
Ranelagh Road ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Wolseley Road ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Selborne Road ..	1	..	1	1	2	..	..	2
Alexandra Park Road..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Buckingham Road ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Crescent Road ..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1
Palace Gates Road ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
	27	..	10	4	8	1	..	19
IV. Central Wood Green.								
Bounds Green Road ..	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	1
Commerce Road ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clarence Road ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Finsbury Road ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Edith Road ..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Nightingale Road ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Truro Road ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Palace Road ..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Myddleton Road ..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Marlborough Road ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Parkhurst Road ..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Queen's Road ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Eleanor Road ..	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	..
Fletton Road ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Richmond Road ..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..
Palmerston Road ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lascotts Road ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Sidney Road ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Whittington Road ..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..
Thorold Road ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	18	..	17	..	7	1	..	5
Total	72	1	56	11	20	2	..	52

Table of DEATHS during the Year 1895, in the Urban Sanitary District of Wood Green, classified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities.

NAMES OF LOCALITIES adopted for the purpose of these Statistics, Public Institutions being shown as separate localities.	MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES AT SUBJOINED AGES.							(i)	MORTALITY FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE																					
	At all Ages. (b)	Under 1 year. (c)	1 and under 5. (d)	5 and under 15 (e)	15 and under 25 (f)	25 and under 65 (g)	65 and upwards. (h)																							
									Smallpox.	Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Membranous Croup.	Typhus.	Enteric or Typhoid.	Continued.	Relapsing.	Puerperal.	Cholera.	Erysipelas.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.	Diarrhoea and Dysentery.	Rheumatic Fever.	Phthisis.	Bronchitis, Pneumonia, and Pleurisy.	Heart Disease.	Injuries.	All Other Diseases.	Total.	
Wood Green	374	131	55	15	9	88	76	Under 5 ..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	8	51	..	1	26	1	2	77	186	
								5 Upwards	..	..	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	4	21	44	14	9	87	188
Deaths occurring outside the District among persons belonging thereto.	4	...	..	..	..	2	2	Under 5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
								5 Upwards	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deaths occurring within the District among persons not belonging thereto	5	..	..	..	..	5	..	Under 5 ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
								5 Upwards	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	5

SANITARY DISTRICT OF WOOD GREEN.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Report of the work done during the year ending December 31st, 1895.

There have been no deaths from any of the following is a description of the works done during the year.

No. of Drains opened.	Unfinished.
" " " " " "	Repaired.
" " " " " "	New.
" " " " " "	Soil Pipes.
" " " " " "	Disconnected.
" " " " " "	Waste Pipes.
" " " " " "	Cesspools.
" " " " " "	New Drains.
" " " " " "	Cisterns.
" " " " " "	Flush Cisterns.
" " " " " "	Sanitary.

SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE WOOD GREEN
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you my Sixth Annual Report of the work in this department during the year ending December 31st, 1895.

SPECIAL COMPLAINTS.

There have been 215 Special Complaints received and the following is a description of nuisances dealt with.

No. of Drains opened and examined ...	...	...	71
„ „ „ Unstopped, Repaired ...	...	...	36
„ „ „ Re-constructed ...	...	...	60
„ „ „ New laid ...	...	...	4
„ „ Soil Pipes and Drains ventilated ...	...	...	66
„ „ Disconnecting traps or chambers inserted ...	...	...	70
„ „ Waste Pipes, Rain-water Pipes &c. disconnected			93
„ „ Cesspools abolished and drain connected to sewers			1
„ „ New Dietary Cisterns provided ...	...	...	6
„ „ Cisterns Cleansed, Repaired, Covered, &c. ...	...	...	11
„ „ Flush Cisterns provided to W.C.'s. ...	...	...	41
„ „ Sanitary Dust-bins provided ...	...	...	12

„ „ New W.C.'s constructed	...	...	...	3
„ „ „ „ Apparatus fixed	...	...	...	40
„ „ W.C.'s. Repaired, cleansed &c.	...	...	...	5
„ „ „ Supplied with water or supply rendered efficient	...	...	...	17
„ „ Roofs repaired	...	...	...	1
„ „ Surfaces adjoining houses paved	...	...	...	34
Ventilation below floor provided	..	...	...	2
Accumulations of refuse removed	...	...	...	33
Foul Pond filled in	...	...	...	1
Nuisance from keeping animals	...	..	...	2
No water to house	...	...	...	20
Slaughter houses paved	...	...	...	1
Gipsy Vans removed from district	...	...	...	54
Filthy floors of house	...	...	...	5
Public House Urinal supplied with water	...	...	...	1
Nuisance from dead body being kept in house	...	...	...	1
Cowsheds paved	...	...	...	1
Nuisance from Stables	...	...	...	3
No. of smoke observations	...	...	...	9
„ „ Inspections	...	...	...	386
„ „ Re-inspections	...	...	...	1180

INFECTIOUS DISEASE (NOTIFICATION AND PREVENTION) ACTS, 1889.

No. of Notifications..	...	...	...	177
No of Articles Disinfected at the Disinfecting Station	...	...	...	1389
Viz :—No. of Beds	...	...	200	
„ „ Blankets	...	...	267	
„ „ Quilts...	...	...	60	
„ „ Pillows	...	...	180	
„ „ Mattresses	...	...	78	
„ „ Bolsters	...	...	44	
„ „ Rugs	...	...	19	
„ „ Clothing (Articles)	...	...	340	
„ „ Miscellaneous	...	...	201	

No. of Articles destroyed	...	...	...	...	58
„ „ Visits to Infected houses (enquiry etc.)	...	...	...	...	453
„ „ Rooms disinfected	...	...	...	...	85
„ „ „ stripped and cleansed	...	...	...	...	87
„ „ Applicants supplied with disinfectants	...	...	...	...	3001

DAIRIES, COWSHEDS, & MILKSHOPS ORDER, 1885.

Nine applications have been received and Registration granted to eight of the applicants as Purveyors of Milk.

The number now carrying on the sale of Milk is as follows:—

Four Dairymen.

W. E. Elms, Lordship Lane, Wood Green.
 J. E. Leggett, 40 Finsbury Road, Wood Green.
 T. G. Pawsey, 52, Mayes Road, Wood Green.
 G. Lack, 33, Queen's Road, Bowes Park.

Eleven Cowkeepers.

J. Howard, Winkfield Road, Wood Green.
 G. Tucker, Station Road, „ „
 D. Sexton, 1, Stuart Crescent „ „
 M. A. Greenhill, Brook Road „ „
 C. Delahoy, Commerce Road „ „
 J. Kemp, Palace Gates Road „ „
 C. E. Fardell, Lordship Lane „ „
 J. Richings, 1, Ringslade Road „ „
 J. Leggett, 40 Finsbury Road „ „
 R. Walker, Jones Lane, Bounds Green.

Twenty-nine Purveyors of Milk.

C. E. Fardell, Lordship Lane, Wood Green.
 E. Boyce, 1, Crescent Road „ „
 W. Daniels, Green Lanes „ „
 E. Gascoigne, Bounds Green Road „ „
 J. Leggett, 40, Finsbury Road „ „
 H. Garnish, 29, Acacia Road „ „
 T. S. Lascelles, 10, Myddleton Road, Bowes Park.

W. Laskey, 21, Salisbury Road, Noel Park.
 R. Crowhurst, 12, Lymington Avenue, Noel Park.
 G. Anderson, 20, Richmond Road, Bowes Park.
 Edward Fitz, 27, Hardy Terrace, Wood Green.
 T. G. Pawsey, 52, Mayes Road ,, ,,
 R. Clark, 36, Selborne Road ,, ,,
 G. Crump, White Hart Lane ,, ,,
 T. Andrews, 51, Selbourne Road ,, ,,
 W. Land, 35, Ringslade Road ,, ,,
 G. H. Scott, High Street ,, ,,
 G. Smee, Caxton Road ,, ,,
 C. Fornay, 22, Myddleton Road ,, ,,
 J. G. Pettengell, 31, Western Road ,, ,,
 E. Allom, 5, St. Michael's Terrace ,, ,,
 D. Sexton, Myddleton Road, Bowes Park
 R. Nicholls, Fletton Road ,, ,,
 L. H. Batchelor, 13, Carlton Road ,, ,,
 Chas. Burt, 5, Finsbury Road, Wood Green.
 A. M. Hill, 6, Coleraine Terrace ,, ,,
 Gibson James, 3, Clarendon Road ,, ,,
 Wm. Costa, 5, Thorold Road, Bowes Park.
 Eliza Cross, 3, High Street.
 Number of visits to above premises—140.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

There are five Licensed Premises in the district as follows:—

Wm. Knight, High Street, Wood Green.
 Geo. H. Brown, 16, Huntingdon Terrace, Wood Green.
 J. Dennis, 2, Station Buildings, Myddleton Rd., Bowes Pk.
 E. A. Fillary, 45, Finsbury Road, Wood Green.
 H. C. Harper, 1, Theresa Terrace, Green Lanes, Wood Green.

No new applications for licenses have been received during the year.

Number of visits to above premises—85.

BAKEHOUSES.

No. in District—15.

Which have been inspected, and I am glad to be able to state that in no case has it been necessary to report that they were not kept in a cleanly state.

It may be of interest to note that only two are underground.

LAUNDRIES AND WORKSHOPS.

An inspection and list is now in course of preparation, with the number of hands employed, sanitary condition etc.

19 Laundries have been inspected.

REMOVAL OF HOUSE REFUSE.

No. of Complaints and Requisitions ...	...	...	104
„ „ Loads removed (Dust) ...	...	...	3870½
„ „ „ „ (Fish Offal) ...	...	...	156
„ „ Visits to Carts on District ...	...	...	976

TEMPORARY MORTUARY.

Bodies deposited ...	...	...	41
Inquests held ...	...	...	40
Post Mortems in Mortuary ...	...	...	6

CLERICAL WORK.

Letters Written ...	...	...	501
Received and Filed for Future Reference ...	...	...	481
General Notices ...	...	...	360
Cleansing of Premises (Inf. Dis. Prev. Act) ...	...	...	54
„ „ „ (P.H.A., 1875) ...	...	...	1
Notifications of Infectious Diseases to the Tottenham School Board ...	...	...	302

HOUSE TO HOUSE INSPECTION.

No. of Houses Inspected	...	...	...	380	}	410
„ „ „ re „ „	...	...	...	30		
No. of Drains Opened and Examined..	...	...	...	...		126
„ „ „ Unstopped, repaired, &c.	...	...	...	...		7
„ „ „ Reconstructed	...	...	...	...		121
„ „ „ New Laid	...	...	...	...		5
„ „ Soil Pipes and Drains ventilated	...	...	...	...		120
„ „ Disconnecting Traps inserted	...	...	...	...		106
„ „ Waste Pipes, Rain-water Pipes disconnected	...	...	...	...		231
„ „ Cesspools Abolished	...	...	...	...		2
New Dietary Cisterns provided	...	...	...	...		5
No. of Cisterns cleansed, &c...	...	...	...	...		15
„ „ Flush Cisterns provided to W.C.'s	...	...	...	...		112
„ „ Sanitary Dust-bins provided	...	...	...	...		17
„ „ New W.C.'s constructed	...	...	...	...		1
„ „ „ Apparatus fixed	...	...	...	...		133
„ „ W.C.'s repaired, &c.	...	...	...	...		—
„ „ W.C.'s supplied with water	...	...	...	...		4
„ „ Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...		26
„ „ Surface adjoining houses paved	...	...	...	...		101
„ „ Ventilation below floor provided	...	...	...	...		1
„ „ Houses cleansed	...	...	...	...		13
„ „ Dry Areas constructed	...	...	...	...		1
„ „ W.C.'s ventilated	...	...	...	...		3
„ „ Ground Floor concreted	...	...	...	...		1
„ „ Door to P.H. Urinal	...	...	...	...		1
33 Houses closed as unfit for human habitation.						

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. E. ADAMS.

